

MURDER MOST FOUL COMMITTED

Most of the City Last Night, and the Victim is James Hervey, a Respected Farmer.

TWO SUSPECTS ARE CAPTURED

And There is Strong Circumstantial Evidence Connecting Them With the Crime.

GOOD WORK BY THE POLICE

Department Resulted in the Capture of the Pair Suspected Shortly Before Midnight.

ONE OF THEM IS JOHN MOONEY,

An Old Wheeling Crook, and One of the Most Desperate Criminals in the Country.

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SNOW

Conform With the Shoe Worn by Mooney—Incriminating Handkerchiefs Are Found.

Murder most foul, and without the slightest of extenuating circumstances, was committed near Elm Grove, in this county, last night. The victim is James Hervey, a retired farmer, who lived at the family homestead on the National road, at the "S" bridge, between Elm Grove and Triadelphia. The murderers, it is firmly believed, are two strangers who were arrested shortly before midnight and now occupy cells in the city building lock-up.

Mr. Hervey and his brother, Henry, his cousin, Miss Gillman, and his housekeeper, Mrs. McCartney, were sitting in the parlor of their home last night about 8:30 o'clock, when the front door was rudely broken open by a violent push from the outside. This startling performance was followed by the entrance of two ruffians, one very tall and the other of medium height, who had handkerchiefs bound about their faces to conceal the features. The tall man was in advance, and as the family, in a state of excitement, arose from their chairs, he cried out:

"Keep still."

Evidently their intention was to perpetrate a hold-up, and doubtless to search the house for valuables.

Mr. James Hervey, however, disregarded the command, and advanced with the intention of ejecting the intruders, whereupon the tall man drew a revolver and fired. The bullet missed its mark and went through the ceiling of the room. By this time the two men had come together, and again the ruffian fired; this time he deliberately pressed the gun against Mr. Hervey's right cheek and pulled the trigger. There was another blinding flash, and Mr. Hervey with a groan was seen to totter and fall to the floor, dead.

The murderers, realizing the enormity of what they had done, lost no time in making their escape. They ran down the road a short distance, then took to the fields, and eventually reached the Baltimore & Ohio railroad track near Elm Grove.

Heartrending Scenes.

In the meantime the scene at the Hervey home was heartrending. The screams of the women filled the air, and Mr. Henry Hervey blew the dinner horn to summon the neighbors. The first of the latter to arrive was Mr. John Huff, and in a short time many others were on the scene. A messenger was at once dispatched to Elm Grove on horseback to notify Constable Anderson, and telephone information of the vile deed to Sheriff Richards and Chief of Police Clemans.

At the house, the crowd soon became very large, perhaps 300 strong, and the excitement was intense. Threats were freely made that the murderers would receive short shrift if they were captured. Many went out from Elm Grove, and the search for the murderers was engaged in by scores, Constable Anderson leading in this.

In the meantime the body of the dead man was placed in another room, and this morning it will be prepared for burial. The smoke from the pistol, which was held close against his head, burned and blackened the face, thus giving it a shocking appearance. Naturally, Mrs. McCartney and Miss Gillman were prostrated on account of the distressing occurrence, and for a time they required the attention of the women who had soon come to the scene. Later in the night, however, they had in a measure regained their equanimity and became resigned to the situation. The scenes that followed the murder were heartrending and affected the roughest of the men who had assembled.

Constable Anderson's Search.

Upon the arrival of Constable Anderson, a vigorous search for the murderers was instituted. Through the ground being covered with snow it was not difficult to follow up their tracks. It was soon discovered that they had approached the house from the rear, first going to the rear door, where they probably failed to secure entrance, and then went boldly to the front door and burst it in. It developed that after committing the murder, they ran down the pike a short distance, then across some fields to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad tracks, where the tracks were lost for a time. Later, however, it was learned that two men answering to the description of the murderers had run past the Baltimore & Ohio telegraph office in the upper part of Elm Grove. Here the scent ended for a time.

Upon receiving information of the murder, Chief of Police Clemans and Night Lieutenant Daniel Ingram, on duty at police headquarters, lost no

time in instituting measures to effect the capture of the pair. The officers throughout the city were informed of the tragedy, and instructed to keep a look-out for two strangers—one tall and the other of medium height—and bring them to headquarters without delay. Measures were also taken to search all incoming Baltimore & Ohio freight trains on the Wheeling and Pittsburgh division, it being believed the murderers would make good their escape in that manner. Two incoming freight trains were boarded and searched at the yards on Water street, but without result. Then it was feared that the men wanted had left the trains at the tunnel in the eastern part of the city, where both trains had stopped.

Two Suspects Arrested.

Among the officers instructed to look out for the murderers were Officers Lawson and Hinkelman, of the South Side. They went out Caldwell's run in the direction of the Fette "Harvest Home," hoping to apprehend them there, and happily the officers met with success. Just beyond the Fette place, the officers came up with two strangers—one tall and the other of medium height—who answered to the description. The men were halted and informed they were under arrest. The tall man showed fight, and was desperate enough to pull his revolver and attempt to kill Officer Lawson, but he was too much for the pair, and before the fellow was given a chance to do anything he was in the iron grasp of one of the officers. Shortly after 11 o'clock, the officers arrived at police headquarters with their men, and they were handed over to Lockup Keeper Brandt.

Sheriff Richards was soon on the scene and attempted to induce the men to tell their story, but without success. The small man said he and his "partner" had been around town for about two weeks. The tall one declined to talk, and said he had as much right to learn of what crime he was accused of committing, as the representative of the law had to question him.

Both Were Armed.

Lockup Keeper Brandt and Lieutenant Ingram searched the pair, and here indeed important developments followed, for each man was found to be armed with bright new revolvers of excellent make. The tall man had a Smith & Wesson thirty-eight calibre gun, and the other was armed with a Bulldog of the same calibre. The most important development was the fact that the gun found on the tall man was shown to have been fired a short time before. Although the revolver was filled with five cartridges, none of them exploded, yet two of the chambers were wet, seeming to indicate that wet cartridges had recently been inserted—and most important of all this gun still bore a strong odor of burned gunpowder, while the other was without this odor and evidently had not been fired recently. As two shots were fired at Mr. Hervey by the taller of his two assailants, this development is very important.

The taller of the two men under arrest, is about six feet in height, has dark curly hair and side-whiskers. He weighs about 200 pounds or more. This man seemed to be laboring under considerable excitement when he was seen by an intelligent man at midnight. Notwithstanding the low temperature of the cell room, his face was covered with sweat.

The other man is about five feet six inches in height, broad, with reddish brown hair.

Important Developments.

Late last night Constable Anderson telephoned to Lieutenant Ingram minute information regarding the footprints of one of the murderers, as shown in the snow near the Hervey home. The shoe was twelve inches in length, three and one-fourth inches broad, two and one-half inches at the heel; twelve pegs on the inside of the left foot. The shoe worn by the tall man answered this description generally speaking, though no exact measurements had been taken at 1 o'clock.

At 1 o'clock, Lieutenant Ingram and an intelligent reporter boarded a special car on the Wheeling & Elm Grove line, for Elm Grove, with the left shoe of the tall man. It was their intention to learn before further snowfall whether the footprints of the murderer conform with the shoe. If this fact is established, the strongest of circumstantial evidence is secured against the pair.

The murdered farmer, James Hervey, was one of Ohio county's most highly respected citizens, and the news of his taking off in this terrible manner will be received with feelings of great regret throughout the Pan Handle, where he was well known. He was a prosperous farmer, who had retired from active agricultural pursuits. He was a widower, his wife having died some years ago.

Mystic lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Elm Grove, was holding a social and entertainment at its hall last night, when the information came that Mr. Hervey had been murdered. Many left the hall and hastened to the scene, and to those who remained the evening's enjoyment was sadly interfered with.

Murderer is John Mooney.

Chief of Police Clemans stated early this morning that he was certain of the identity of the taller of the two murderers. He is claimed to be John Mooney, who was born in Wheeling, and lived here for years. He will be remembered as the man who attempted to kill Police Officer "Billy" Carney in the Hempfield yards a number of years ago. After leaving this state he continued his criminal career, and has seen the inside of many prison walls—notably the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus, where, in attempting to escape, he fell and broke both legs.

The chief could not identify the smaller of the pair, but the fact that he was in company with Mooney would indicate his character, or lack of it.

On Mooney was found a red handkerchief, which had the appearance of having been used recently as a mask for the face. The other fellow had a white handkerchief, which showed signs of having been similarly used.

Thus the chain of evidence against the pair is being woven.

The Footprints.

Sheriff Richards and Jailer McCormick went out to the scene of the mur-

der shortly before midnight, and later they co-operated with Lieut. Ingram (who had taken out Mooney's shoe) in the endeavor to ascertain whether the shoe conformed with the footprints in the snow.

The sheriff telephoned police headquarters at 2:30 this morning that the footprints and shoe conformed. This is most important and damning evidence against Mooney.

Later the sheriff, Jailer McCormick and Lieut. Ingram went to the vicinity of the county infirmary, near Elm Grove, to see if similar footprints could be found. This is an effort to follow up the route taken by Mooney and his companion in coming back to the city, via Caldwell's Run. The footprints tallied.

Mooney is evidently a bad man, as his photograph at police headquarters shows on his back that he served a term for killing Officer John E. Doran, at Ashtabula, O., on October 21, 1890, and he is classed as a murderer and safe-blower.

BICKERTON'S GOOD WORK

Results in the Capture of an Island Pigeon Thief Thursday.

For some time, especially this week, the pigeon lots of J. C. Williams, the well known fancier of the Island, have been visited by thieves. Wednesday night the Williams left was visited for the third time this week, and the proprietor nearly succeeded in capturing the thief. As it was, the law-breaker left a sweater behind. This was handed over to Police Officer Bickerton yesterday, and by some very clever work he soon succeeded in fastening its ownership and guilt of the theft upon a colored boy, Harry Stark, who was arrested and placed in the city lock-up. Some of Mr. Williams's pigeons were recovered, and also some belonging to another fancier, George Friedel, also of the Island. Mr. Friedel, however, declined to join with Mr. Williams in prosecuting Stark. Stark was committed for a hearing before Squire Greer.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

The Logan Club, of the Island, which bids fair to become a power for Republicanism in the approaching campaign, has elected the following permanent officers:

President—W. M. Baird.
Vice President—Dr. W. C. Eitzler.
Secretary—J. C. Williams.
Treasurer—J. B. McClement.
Executive committee—Dr. D. B. Best, Platoff Zane, Clarence Underwood, N. C. Hamilton, C. H. Wincher.

The club will meet at the Island home house on the second and fourth Monday evenings each month.

WAR NOT ENDED.

Commandant Albrecht Claims Boers Have 75,000 Men.

PAARDEBERG, March 1.—It appears that an action was about to begin with the Boer reinforcements at the moment of General Cronje's surrender, but Lord Roberts forbade it until all the prisoners should be in safe keeping.

Lord Roberts addressed the Canadians afterwards, expressing in the strongest terms his pleasure and appreciation at their splendid work and courage. He attributed to them the greatest share in the Boer surrender.

Commandant Albrecht describes the British strategy up to the battle of Magersfontein as "stupid and almost insane." He says there were only 4,000 men in the Magersfontein trenches, and that only half of these were engaged in actual fighting. He praises the strategy of Lord Roberts, but says that the war is by no means ended, as there are still 75,000 Boers in the field. Gen. Cronje's surrender, according to Albrecht, was "due to a blunder in locking up his men in a hole instead of occupying kopjes."

SAMUEL MANNER DEAD.

One of the Democrats Who Voted for Cameron for Senator.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 1.—Samuel Manner, one of the Democratic legislators who voted for General Simon Cameron for United States senator in 1887, died to-day at the residence of his daughter, in this city, aged eighty-four years. The Democrats had a majority of two on joint ballot and their candidate, Colonel John W. Forney, would have been elected if Manner, Labo and Wagenseller, all Democrats, had not voted with the Republicans for General Cameron.

HALF OF THE FUND

Pledged for Republican Convention Raised.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 1.—Mayor Ashbridge to-day sent to Senator Hanna, chairman of the National Republican committee, a check for \$25,000 for the Republican convention, thus making \$50,000 sent to the committee, or one-half the fund pledged by the city. The mayor also announced that the work of raising the third quarter is well under way, and that the full amount will be collected within a short time and without any difficulty.

GEN. CRONJE AND FAMILY

To be Placed on the Flagship at Cape Town.

LONDON, March 1.—In the house of commons to-day, replying to a question on the subject, Mr. Joseph Powell Williams, member for South Birmingham, and financial secretary to the war office, announced that Gen. Cronje and his family would be placed on board the flagship at Cape Town. He added that the matter was wholly in the hands of Lord Roberts.

Coinage for February \$15,468,700.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—The monthly statement of the director of the mint shows that the total coinage executed at the mints of the United States during February, was \$15,468,700, as follows:

Gold, \$13,401,900; silver, \$1,940,000; minor coin, \$126,800.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3,

Children's Day, City Hospital Loan Exhibition.

Children under seventeen years of age will be admitted between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m., to every department of the Loan Exhibit for 10 cents.

THE FINANCIERS

Of Council Failed to Secure a Quorum Last Evening.

AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

For the Ensuing Year to be Prepared as Soon as Possible—It is a Question of a Thirty-seven Cent Additional Levy or the Refund, and the Refund Will Have the Call—The Register's Motives.

Last night the council committee on finance was to have met to begin consideration of the annual appropriation ordinance, but owing to the absence of a quorum no formal session was held. Those present included Councilmen Maxwell, Kindelberger, Chew and McMechen.

The committee intends to frame the annual appropriation ordinance at the earliest possible moment, and the committees in charge of the several departments of the city government are to furnish their estimates in the near future.

It is already well established that it will be necessary to provide for a special tax levy of thirty-seven or forty cents, to cover the \$32,000 compromise loan obligation due in July—unless the refund is again placed before the people and it carries.

Sentiment now seems to be against securing the end desired by a recount of the votes at the recent election, even though such a step would prove to be eminently proper, owing to the knowledge that capital would look with doubt upon such a bond issue.

It is more likely that council will be asked to again place the refund issue before the people, and the indications seem to be that it will carry overwhelmingly. As one gentleman expressed it last night, "the Register fooled most of its readers the last time, but it can't accomplish it again, for we see now that a heavy special tax is necessary without the refund, and of course we don't want that."

It is learned on excellent authority that a member of the Register staff, who was especially prominent in pushing the anti-refund campaign in that sheet, remarked Saturday night to a Republican:

"Now we've got you where we want you. You will have to make an extra tax levy, and we'll get a Democratic council at the next city election."

So this is the "nigger in the woodpile," in this particular instance. What do Republicans who voted against the refund think of it? What do good citizens, without regard to politics, who desire the best interests of the city served, think of such motives being exhibited in a campaign in which no politics properly had a place?

ESCAPED PRISONER

Caught—Death of a Prominent Citizen—Beaten and Robbed.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.

BERKELEY SPRINGS, March 1.—Frank Sirbaugh, who, together with Lewis Flac, broke jail here Sunday morning, was arrested yesterday evening, in Fulton county, Pa., several miles north of Hancock, and returned to jail. William Dill and Charles Couchman, two amateurs, made the arrest. Sirbaugh is charged with being one of the persons who murdered and robbed Absalom Kesler, in this county, last September.

John S. Hunter, a prominent citizen, died here this morning, after a brief illness.

William F. Everett, a farmer, while on his way home last night, from this place, was beaten and robbed by an unknown man.

BARN DESTROYED.

With Contents, Near Martinsburg. Loss, \$2,500.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., March 1.—The barn and out building on the farm of J. H. Whesel, near this city, were totally destroyed by fire early last night.

All farming implements, nine cows and forty head of sheep were also lost. The loss is estimated at \$2,500, with \$500 insurance. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

David W. Single, a highly respected citizen, died at his residence here to-day of general debility. He was eighty-two years of age and leaves a wife and three children.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT

Decrease During February Was \$6,750,168.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—The monthly statement of the public debt issued to-day, shows that at the close of business February 28, 1900, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,118,886,059, a decrease since February 1 of \$6,750,168. This decrease is largely accounted for by the increase in the amount of the cash on hand.

The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest bearing debt, \$1,028,882,120. Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,208,000.

Debt bearing no interest, \$389,178,761. Total, \$1,417,948,881.

This amount, however, does not include \$725,204,283 in certificates and treasury notes offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury. The cash in the treasury is classified as follows:

Gold, \$113,491,672.
Silver, \$201,772,166.
Paper, \$80,738,528.
Bonds, deposits in national bank deposits, \$112,457,672.

Total, \$1,097,457,040, against which there are demand liabilities outstanding amounting to \$799,094,217, which leaves a net cash balance in the treasury of \$298,362,823.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Of Government Receipts and Expenditures.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—The monthly comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States shows that the total receipts for the month of February, were \$45,831,365, and the expenditures, \$37,738,477, leaving a surplus for the month of \$7,892,792.

The receipts from customs were \$19,882,252, a gain as compared with February, 1899, of nearly \$3,000,000; internal revenue, \$20,767,437, increase about \$1,500,000; miscellaneous, \$4,881,674, increase \$3,000,000.

The expenditures charged to the war

McFADDEN'S.

\$3.50 DUNLAP STYLE FINE HATS FOR \$2.50.

MEN'S FINE STIFF HATS, the latest style black or brown, best \$2.00 hat, for..... \$1.50

MEN'S FINE SOFT HATS, the black, brown or pearl color, best \$2.00 hat, for..... \$1.50

MEN'S DUNLAP STYLE HATS, the correct style and best \$3.50 hat, for only..... \$2.50

McFADDEN'S, 1316 to 1322 Market Street.

MECHANIC TAILORS.

New Goods.

Never was there a more complete and varied assortment of goods in all the late stylish fabrics shown in Wheeling than we have received for the approaching season. They will be on sale this morning.

THOMAS HUGHES COMPANY,

—TAILORS—

1211 Market St., Wheeling, W. Va.

department amounted during February to \$346,085, a decrease of nearly \$8,000,000.

Navy department, \$4,045,724; decrease, \$350,000.

During the last eight months the total receipts have exceeded the expenditures by \$37,763,000.

SENATOR SCOTT

Looking After the Interests of the Farmers.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—Senator Scott introduced in the senate a resolution of the Ohio County Farmers' Institute, of West Virginia, endorsing the bill now pending in Congress, in reference to oleomargarine and other imitation dairy products.

\$30,000

Used in Exposure in Clark Case Returned to State Treasury.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—The \$30,000 used by Mr. Whiteside in his exposure in the Clark case before the Montana legislature and which was brought to Washington when the hearing in that case was begun by the senate committee on elections, and has been held by it ever since, was returned to-day to State Treasurer Collins, of Montana. The money was brought to this city for the purpose of identification and for any other use to which it might be put by the committee. Concluding that the fund could be no longer used, it was turned over to Mr. Collins. The money will be held by the treasurer for five years, and if in the meantime it is not claimed by any one, it will be covered into the state school fund.

Congressman Campbell was on the stand before the committee during the entire day and was subjected to a cross-examination by Mr. Faulkner.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY

Will Attend Banquet of Ohio Society in New York.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—The President will go to New York to-morrow in a special car attached to the 11 o'clock Pennsylvania limited train, and on Saturday night he will attend a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, to be given by the Ohio Society of New York. The President will be accompanied by Mrs. McKinley. They expect to return to Washington next Monday.

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Cincinnati.....QUEEN CITY, 8 a. m.
BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.
Pittsburgh.....VIRGINIA, 9 a. m.
Marietta.....ETOISE, 11 a. m.
Cincinnati.....LEROY, 1:30 p. m.
BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.
Parkersburg.....H. K. BEDFORD, 11 a. m. (probable).
Cincinnati.....LEROY, 2:30 p. m.

Along the Landing.

The marks at 6 p. m., Thursday, showed 11 feet 9 inches and rising. About twenty or twenty-five feet is expected on the rise.

The Eloise and the Leroy resume to-day. The other local packets have not been heard from.

The H. K. Bedford may come out to-morrow in the Wheeling-Parkersburg trade.

The weather yesterday was two-sided. In the morning it was raining, and in the afternoon the rain turned to snow. Quite a respectable blizzard was in evidence.

Pittsburgh River News.

PITTSBURGH, March 1.—A rapid rise in the river is predicted, and a stage of not less than fifteen feet of water is expected. Last night's rains were very heavy at all up-river points, and the rain fall seems to have been general throughout the Ohio Valley.

This will cause the heavy floating ice to disappear, and once more enable steamboats to navigate without much difficulty. Very little ice was floating out of the Allegheny river to-day, but the Moonongahela bank was full of it at Pittsburgh. The stream should be free of ice by to-morrow morning.

The captains of steamboats tied up at down-river points sent messages to Pittsburgh to-day, stating that the ice in the Ohio river was very heavy, but they did not think it would last long under the rain and warmer weather.

Many crews of boats are waiting here to go to their boats, and it is expected that all of those tied up at down-river points will be on the way home by to-morrow night. The crews of the Jim Wood, Cruiser, Coal City, and Fallie have left to bring them to Pittsburgh. Some of the boats are within a day's run of the city.

The W. W. O'Neil Coal Company has full crews on its boats. Captain W. W. O'Neil said that he did not believe the river would remain closed long, and that he kept them on the boats, giving them their time. He said it would have cost more than the men's time to bring them home and send them back again, and he concluded that the men needed the money worse than the railroads. There is much coal loaded, and if the water holds out any length of time, fully 5,000,000 bushels of coal will be shipped, as most of the coal is loaded in coal boats.

Capt. John F. Dravo will leave next

Monday for Washington, D. C., where he goes at the earnest request of the merchants of New Orleans. The merchants there are thoroughly aroused in reference to the necessity of improving the Mississippi river, from New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico. This improvement, Captain Dravo says, is of the utmost importance to the river interests of the Ohio Valley, as the lower Mississippi is the gateway of all foreign commerce collected along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. A deeper channel is desired, and Captain Dravo, on behalf of the Pittsburgh Coal Exchange, will urge that the improvements be made.

River Telegrams.

OIL CITY—River 3 feet 3 inches and rising. Weather, cold and cloudy.

WARREN—River 3 feet 1 inch. Weather, cold and snowing.

GREENSBORO—River 15 feet 4 inches and rising. Rainfall, 1.90. Weather, colder and snow.

MORGANTOWN—River 14 feet and rising. Weather, snowing and cold.

BROWNVILLE—River 17 feet 1 inch and rising. Weather, cold to-night and snowing.

PITTSBURGH—River 10.9 feet and rising. Weather, snowing.

STEUBENVILLE—River 11 feet 1 inch and rising. Heavy ice running. Weather, cloudy and cold.

FAMILY WASHING.

Rough Dry Washed, Starched and Dried 5 cents per pound.